GALLIUM-67 SCINTIGRAPHY

with both a diminution in intensity and delay in onset of ⁶⁷Ga detection in experimental inflammation.13

In summary, ⁶⁷Ga scintigrams correctly localized 72 of 76 deep abdominal inflammatory foci. Gallium-67 scintigraphy is a useful noninvasive adjunct that should be employed early in the diagnostic work-up of a febrile patient with suspected intraabdominal sepsis.

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Correcting Inverted Nipples

I feel that there is a way that we can correct this abnormality [inverted nipples]. First, you instruct the girl to make an imaginary cross on her breast, using the nipple as the center part of the cross and making the arms of the cross at a 90degree angle. In other words, there's a vertical line and a horizontal line meeting over the nipple. Then, she presses into the breast tissue adjacent to the areola and extends pressure laterally along the arms of the cross, first vertically and then horizontally (preferably done by the girl after a bath or a shower when the tissue is softer). She will find that over a period of time the inverted nipple will gradually become everted. Now after some eversion has occurred, it is important to grasp the partially everted nipple and pull it out further. If this is done repeatedly over a period of time, it does correct the inversion. . . . However, I must quickly add that even though the inversion has been corrected, I cannot guarantee that it would be satisfactory for breast feeding. However, I urge that this approach be tried.

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